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SUBJECT: GOJ INQUIRY CONCERNING FIREARMS POSSESSED BY EMBASSY AND
POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR MSG DETACHMENT

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 209754 (B) KINGSTON 3451

1. PRIOR RECEIPT REFTEL A DCM HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL OFFICER AS SPECIFIED PARA 2 REFTEL B. PROTOCOL OFFICER DID NOT PURSUE MATTER AT THAT TIME BUT SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED DCM AUGUST 26 THAT THE MATTER IS NOW "ON THE DESK" OF FOREIGN MINISTRY PERMANENT SECRETARY. WE SUSPECT THAT AT A MINIMUM FONMINISTRY WILL INSIST ALL WEAPONS BE REGISTERED REGARDLESS OF THEIR LOCATION. CONCERN WE EXPRESSED PARA 3 REFTEL B REMAINS VERY PRESENT. CONSEQUENTLY WE HOPE ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM FADRC FILES WILL BE DESPATCHED BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM WHEN LOCATED. ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST GUIDANCE PROMISED PARA 2 REFTEL A.

2. CONCERNING THE PERSONAL WEAPONS DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 (B) REFTEL B, THESE ARE IN ALL CASES RIFLES, SHOTGUNS AND A FEW PISTOLS WHICH WERE POSSESSED BY STAFF AT OTHER POSTS WHO WERE DIRECT TRANSFERRED HERE WITH FULL HHE SHIPMENT. IN OTHER WORDS, THE CHARACTER OF THE TRANSFER OF THESE STAFF PROVIDED NO PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO STORAGE WITHIN THE CHANCERY OF THE WEAPONS IN QUESTION. DORRANCE

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